Functioning of M|s. Jessop and Company

694. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unetarred Question 7021 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether procedural formalities of selling of land and premises of Head Office of Jessop and Co. Ltd., a subsidiary of BBUNL, are over; if not, how much more time would be taken to implement a decision taken two years back;

(b) whether the pre-nationalised loan of Rs. 13.83 crores owed to SBI by Jessop and Co. Ltd. has been converted to long term loan; if not, when it is going to be implemented;

(c) whether Jessop and Co. has asked for a non-plan assistance of Rs. 10 crores for the present financial year for working capital and payment of statutory liabilities; if so, when this support would be extended in view of the delay; and

(d) whether a viability scheme has been submitted by Jessop and Co. Ltd. to the Department of Heavy Industry if so, when was this submitted and what is the present status of the scheme for approval and implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir. The sale is yet to be realised as certain procedural formalities are being attended to.

(b) The matter has been taken up with State Bank of India.

(c) Yes, Sir. It has not been possible to release any non-plan assistance to Jessop in the absence of non-plan provisions.

(d) Jessop & Co. has been referred to BIFR. BIFR would examine the revival proposals for Jessop.

Functioning of Burn Standard Company Ltd.

695. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Burn Standard Company Ltd. was paying a rent of Rs. 48,000.00 per month for its Head Office in Calcutta, despite the financial constraints of the Company and if so, what has prompted its upward revision to a sum of about Rs. 1,50,000.00 per month;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Burn Standard is not having any order for off-shore platforms despite creation of this high technology facility with an investment of about Rs. 35 crores near Haldia in 1985;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor, and what action is being taken to utilise the capital assets created only a decade back; and

(d) the reasons for which no measures have been taken by the management to enter into fresh collaboration with Combustion Engg. Inc. USA for the new dense phase, technology and utilise the built-in capacity of the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The monthly rent of the Corporate Head Office was Rs. 34,953 after take over of the Company in 1973 which has since been periodically revised as per terms of agreement and/or negotiations and at present is fixed at Rs. 2,33,706 per month.

(b) and (c) The Company has so far spent Rs. 24.66 crore for manufacture of Decks and Helidecks only and jackets are fabricated by others. ONGC has been insisting on manufacture of complete platforms including jackets. As such BSCL has not got any ordrs after 1988.

(d) Response from M/s. Cumbustion Engg. Inc. USA was not very positive and due to changing charater of the market demand, BSCL is making fresh efforts to acquire technical know-how from Germany.

Rehabilitation of Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation

696. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IFCI, the operating agency appointed by BIFR for Mining and Allied Machinery Corporation (MAMC), observed in their report that it woud be an expensive and unremunerative investment to replicate or recreate the cumulative intrinsic advantages currently obtaining in MAMC;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to make full use of the above advantages through optimal utilization of the manufacturing capabilities of MAMC; and

(c) what action is being taken by Government to rehabilitate MAMC in view of the show-cause notice for winding up, issued by BIFR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have been providing funds to MAMC under Plan, Non-Plan and VRS towards capital expenditure, working capital and for rationalisation of excess manpower to make full use of its manufacturing capabilities.

(c) Being a sick company MAMC is under reference to BIFR. IFCI had been appointed as the Operating Agency (OA) by the BIFR. In response to the advertisement by OA as there was no offer from any private party to take over the compnay, BIFR in its hearing held on 3-1-1995 came to the conclusion that it would be just and equitable to wind up the company and accordingly issued a show-cause notice on 11-1-95 for winding up MAMC. Further hearing in BIFR has been stayed by order from Calcutta High Court. The matter is sub-judice.

Achievements of new Industrial Policy

697. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements of the new Industrial Policy of Government;

(b) whether Government are aware of the worsening plight of the poor because of this policy being oriented only to enrich a few as is evident from the inflationary pressures being built-up; and

(c) if so, what corrective action is being taken so that the fruit of this policy percolate down to the poorest sections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) The gains of the new Industrial Policy can be seen in an increase in the rate of industrial growth, increase in exports and foreign exchange reserves, increase in investment intentions and foreign investment approvals. A total number of 18,199 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda have been filed envisaging investment of Rs. 3,65,446 crores and employment of 34,03,972 from 1-3-91 to 28-2-95. The policy initiatives taken by the Government are intended to benefit the national economy and the society at large including the poorer sections.

(c) Does not arise.

Slackness in Industrial growth rate

698. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial production during the pre-